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❖ **OF HUMAN BONDAGE**

Humboldt's underworld

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HUMBOLDT – Roman dictator Gaius Julius Caesar was stabbed 23 (or 33) times with daggers.
Hoopa mother-of-three Dorothy Evelyn Ulrich died from about 60 slashing strokes with a samurai sword.

From the Ides of March to the present, from political murder to homegrown slayings, civilization asks why human beings take each other's lives.

❖ NEWS ANALYSIS

The millennial puzzle will capture public attention again in January when the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office issues its annual report on the number of local homicides and suicides. At the current rate, 2015 threatens to set a homicide record for the second year running. The public and the press will search for answers. Frustration will result. "No question has so stubbornly resisted explanation," writes Pulitzer **UNDERWORLD ❖ A3**



HIGH TIDES & HEAVY RAINS caused some minor flooding last week. Above, Elk River floods on Berta Road near the covered bridge. Top, the bay rises near the old Blue Ox Mill. Right, Chelsea Jensen and her daughter Delilah Schneider brave flood waters in King Salmon. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION



2015: A year of progress

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HUMBOLDT – This year saw the county making progress on several fronts, including the recovery of its long-struggling budget. A voter-approved tax measure fueled significant financial support for public safety services and the county's draft General Plan Update continued to crawl forward to mixed reviews.

The stage was also set for future economic development, as a planning effort was launched to set up a structure for regulating the county's most well-known industry.

Marijuana enters the mainstream
2015 was a watershed year for advancing medical marijuana regulation – literally.

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ON SCENE Arcata firefighters respond at the Veterans' Hall. ARCATA FIRE PHOTO

Vets' Hall saved from destruction

ARCATA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ARCATA – Quick response by Arcata Fire helped Arcata's historic Veterans' Memorial Building from going up in smoke last week.

On Wednesday, Dec. 23 at about 7:37 p.m., Arcata firefighters responded to a structure fire at the Vets' Hall in the 1400 block of J Street.

A neighbor had noticed the fire and called 911.

The initial dispatch described the building as "fully involved," but the first engine on scene re-

ported smoke coming from the chimney area.

The captain on the engine did a quick size-up and found flames visible in the window of a room on the west side of the building. He instructed his crew to establish a water supply and put a handline in action while it forced entry at the front door.

According to Chief Desmond Cowan, "The downtown Arcata engine was staffed with four firefighters today because of our SAFER [Staffing for Adequate

Fire & Emergency Response] grant and also having a volunteer on the engine for the day. That four-person crew was able to do four crucial jobs at once and got a quick knock down on the fire."

Investigators traced the fire to an extension cord in the office area. The cord appears to have failed and caused a floor-level fire that burned the carpet and up the wall and involved the sofa and furniture in the room.

Extensive heat and smoke **FIRE ❖ B4**

❖ **HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY**

Rossbacher in review: so far, so good

Kevin L. Hoover
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HUMBOLDT STATE – A year and a half into her term as president of Humboldt State University, Lisa Rossbacher has accomplished some key milestones and is settled in to guide the university into the future.

"It's been an incredibly busy year and a half since I got here," Rossbacher said. "Time has gone so fast."

Among the items occupying her time has been completion of the university's new Strategic Plan, guiding the university through the year 2020. Rossbacher took note of another university where planning had stretched out over 10 years. But the all-consuming planning process more or less paralyzes the institution, so Rossbacher prioritized getting it off her desk in just a year.

"I didn't want it to drag out for

a really long time," she said. "It's hard to accomplish much during the time that you're doing the Strategic Plan because everyone is waiting for what it's going to say."

Available at humboldt.edu/strategicplan, the document animates HSU's mission, vision and values with four central goals:

- Student success, integrating academics with campus and community life, with emphasis on

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HUMBOLDT STATE President Lisa Rossbacher.

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zer Prize-winning author Richard Rhodes in *Why They Kill*. “Religions, ideologies and every discipline or science that touches on human behavior have offered answers – theories invoking moral, supernatural, behavioral, social, neurological or genetic causes. None of these well-known theories credibly and authoritatively explains the violent crimes you and I follow in the news every day.”

The ultimate existential act between two people eludes explanation despite the popular notion that murderers are abnormal, deranged, dysfunctional or maladjusted individuals, misfits, outliers and outcasts. Very different from innocent us, in other words.

Thus we find the fictional deviant Norman Bates in Alfred Hitchcock’s box office hit, *Psycho*. The Bates character was portrayed as a victim of severe emotional abuse at the hands of a mother who was sexually neurotic.

University of Texas researcher David Buss begs to differ. Most murderers, he claims, are everyday people like you and me. “Though we may like to think that murderers are either pathological misfits or hardened criminals, the vast majority of murders are committed by people who, until the day they kill, seem perfectly normal.”

This echoes Freud’s famous dictum, “The normal person has yet to be found

and when found, cured.”

Buss collected data on the prevalence of murder fantasies in a study with 5,000 respondents, data that appear to bear Freud out. The results were decisive: 91 percent of the men and 84 percent of the women had entertained “at least one clear fantasy about committing murder.”

Yet it strains common sense, Rhodes argues, to imagine that people are born to violence when rates of violence differ from group to group, nation to nation, culture to culture and age to age.

Blaming brain damage explains little “when most people with damaged brains are not violent.”

There are so many exceptions to the presumed understanding of murderous behavior, says Rhodes, that in fact we rely heavily on supposition in the midst of voluminous science.

He stands four-square against the received wisdom of psychiatry, psychology and sociology, spread everywhere by the mass media, that violent behavior is explained by stock phrases like “senseless murder,” “explosive outburst” or “s(he) just snapped.”

In a chapter titled “Conscious Constructions,” Rhodes offers an alternative line of reasoning that Special Prosecutor Paul D. Sequeira underscored in his successful case against convicted murderer Jason Anthony Warren: that killers devise their acts fully

cognizant of what they do. They make a conscious decision to act violently.

Rhodes agrees. “Murders are never senseless from the murderer’s point of view.”

Although psychologists attribute murders to trivial or unimportant motives, they are still motives that inform criminal acts, Rhodes contends. “Violent criminals do not ‘snap’ but make decisions and act on them.”

Those decisions may take only a few seconds, as Sequeira explained to the Warren jury. But the violence is still a deliberative, premeditated act, even if it appears instantaneous. The brain functions at light speed or faster.

Rhodes cites extensive research showing that violent criminals go through a series of mental steps before their attacks. The perpetrator first assesses his victim’s attitude and what that attitude “means.” He “chats” with himself momentarily, comparing the attitudes of important people in his life that he previously internalized with the attitude of his putative victim. He then decides if hostile action is warranted and if it is (in his view), he kills.

At first glance, this analysis supports the classical conservative principle of personal responsibility.

Yet Rhodes maintains that civic communities and their dark subcultures, like Humboldt’s drug-crime-poverty underworld, are directly complicit in social breakdown.

“Criminal violence emerges from social experience, most commonly brutal social experience visited upon vulnerable children, who suffer for our neglect of their welfare and return in vengeful wrath to plague us.

“If violence is a choice they make and therefore their personal responsibility,” Rhodes concludes, “our failure to protect them from having to make such a choice is a choice we make, just as a disease epidemic would be implicitly our choice if we failed to provide vaccines and antibiotics.

“Such a choice – to tolerate the brutalization of children as we continue to do – is equally violent and equally evil, and we reap what we sow.”

What does hardscrabble Humboldt County sow? Close to 27 percent of its children (to age 17) live below the poverty line (2009-2013), an indeterminate number of them in appalling housing conditions with a single parent who is a hardened addict.

In some pockets at sub-county level, the prevalence of poverty among children under five is a staggering 54 percent.

Humboldt’s countywide poverty rate (20.4 percent) is worse than all of California’s (15.9 percent), 2009-2013.

The figures point to human bondage and its trans-generational consequences, as foretold in the Old Testament. The Lord “will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

2015 | General plan update slogs on

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In mid-August, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board launched a water quality regulation program for existing outdoor grows with cultivation areas of 2,000 square feet or more.

The program responded to a realization that took years to reach – that marijuana production will occur with or without government sign-off and the latter scenario opens the door to environmental ruin.

Now well in effect, the water board’s program involves tiered permitting to achieve compliance with basic watershed protection standards like erosion control and adequate drainage infrastructure.

The water board effort coincided with the state legislature’s development of more comprehensive regulation. And as lawmakers huddled, so did the county’s growers.

In late February, California Cannabis Voice Humboldt (CCVH), a local growers’ advocacy group and the local arm of a statewide political action committee, readied a regulatory ballot measure proposal. But the group eventually voiced a preference for working with the county’s Board of Supervisors on a more traditionally-vetted ordinance.

Luke Bruner, CCVH’s spokesman, talked of an “organic, connoisseur artisanal cannabis market” that is poised to churn \$40 billion a year in revenue.

The group’s proposal included the allowance of outdoor grows of 10,000 to 20,000 square feet under conditional use permits. Environmental groups and many residents reacted with alarm and characterized that scale of production as excessive and environmentally dangerous.

That type of thinking may soon become old school as a more permissive draft ordinance has emerged from another influential group – the county’s Planning Commission.

The commission’s controversial recommendations are influenced by higher tiers of law. Eagerly-awaited state legislation was passed and then approved by the governor in October, and it finally defined medical marijuana as an in-demand agricultural product suitable for cultivation in areas zoned for farming and industrial development.

With an eye on the state’s

eventual licensing, the Planning Commission considered a balance between the need for controlling the industry’s impacts and the risks of not being inclusive enough to draw in a wide range of producers.

Scaling grow areas to parcel sizes, a majority of the commission kept its eye on new state law and mirrored its maximum allowances for one-acre grows on large ag parcels and half-acre indoor grows in heavy commercial and industrial areas.

As the year drew to a close, the commission’s draft got its first airing before the Board of Supervisors amid suggestions of legal challenges from environmental groups. The extent that Humboldt will participate in serving the state’s sheer demand for marijuana remains to be seen.

GPU: Promoting property value

The start of the year saw the county’s draft General Plan Update (GPU) continuing a trend of change based on advocacy for residential development entitlements.

A draft version of the update approved by the county’s Planning Commission in 2012 became obsolete with changes to the composition of the Board of Supervisors. Now largely made up of supervisors who promote property value as economic development, the board undid aspects of the draft GPU that limited development rights.

In many instances, a majority of board members granted landowners’ requests for land use designations that include housing density increases.

A GPU hearing in January saw the board majority delete a policy statement that describes illegal development as a non-beneficial use of water.

At a February hearing, supervisors reconsidered a series of Scenic Resources policies that seek to preserve “heritage landscapes” with cultural, historic and scenic values.

The policies drew opposition from the Realtors and developers’ associations and most supervisors were against approving them unless landowners choose to comply with their requirements.

Later that month, a majority of supervisors voted to reduce open space protections in the greenbelts separating communities

by focusing on two areas that already have limits on development – the McKay Community Forest and the forest hillside areas designated in the McKinleyville Community Plan.

Further changes to the draft in response to lobbying from housing developers and Realtors included rewording of policies related to low-income housing, pedestrian streetscapes and business development.

The planning-related political swing was demonstrated during one hearing when Julie Williams of the Northern California Association of Homebuilders praised supervisors for their decisions.

“Generally speaking, what we would say is thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you,” Williams said.

But land use issues are divisive and environmental groups and supporters of Supervisor Mark Lovelace, who cast lone dissent votes on many of the changes, view the new version of the GPU as a kowtow to landowners’ financial interests.

Now going on 14 years in the making, the GPU stands a chance of getting approved in 2016. The board is set to delve into the update’s Environmental Impact Report in February and certify it in July.

But with the GPU, timelines have been etchings in sand.

The two sides of DHHS

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) became controversial in 2015 as its program management was undermined by communication problems between management and staff.

The department’s management was spotlighted the previous year, when the loss of mental health staffers led the county to contract out the division’s staff management to a private sector firm.

An outside consultant’s subsequent review found that the DHHS is renowned statewide for the innovation and effectiveness of its programs but has some serious issues with division between managers and staffers.

Most notable among them is a perception from staff members and service providers that their feedback is not welcome – and could be met with antagonism.

Management of the department has changed, as DHHS Director Phil Crandall retired in December.

The hiring process for a new director yielded a result that reinforced doubts about the department’s internal stability.

In late November, a health and human services manager from El Dorado County, Kristin Brinks, was hired to lead Humboldt’s DHHS. Shortly after accepting the job, she changed her mind and turned it down.

An interim director has been appointed as the county continues to screen more applicants. Meanwhile, Crandall’s high level of program administration skill has been acknowledged by a major governmental group.

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) bestowed its Circle of Service Award on Crandall, an honor described as “prestigious” in a county news release. A CSAC letter to Crandall stated that the award is given to those whose governmental service has been “substantially above and beyond the norm.”

County budget: Recovery challenged by liability

The county’s budget fully entered a state of recovery in 2015 but the future remained sketchy as supervisors struggled to find ways to put a dent in a \$220 million employee pension funding liability.

The county’s contribution to Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) benefit costs has skyrocketed over the last 12 years. Since 2003, the county’s annual PERS contribution has increased from \$3 million to \$25 million.

It is a problem that has not yet reached its peak, as the rate is expected to grow until 2022, when it is predicted to plateau.

Since paying off the unfunded liability at an annual minimum rate will take 30

years and incur a total cost of \$528.7 million, supervisors approved a plan to set up a trust fund that would be reserved for annual contributions to pension debt payments.

There was good news when the county budget was updated in November – the 2014-15 fiscal year ended with a General Fund balance of \$8.3 million, which is \$2.8 million higher than was estimated.

Individual contributions of \$750,000 each were approved for a variety of funds – including the pension liability trust fund.

The other funding recipients included a deferred maintenance fund for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) projects, a fund for capital improvements and \$350,000 to the county’s contingency or emergency fund.

The budget rebound is due to several factors, not least of which is revenue from a new, voter-approved tax source – Measure Z.

Voters: We’ll pay public safety tax

As state and local economies boom and bust, public services are periodically left underfunded. But Humboldt County’s public safety services got a boost as a trend of achieving stability through increased local taxes continued.

The county’s Measure Z sales tax took effect on April 1. By that time, a county advisory committee had already gotten millions of dollars of requests for its revenue.

Approved by voters in November 2014, Measure Z adds a half-cent to the entire county’s sales tax rate. The revenue goes to county government for services related to public safety.

In early December, a county news release stated that “a lot has been done with that money to improve

the safety of the people in our community.”

Policing and firefighting are key services that voters sought to bolster by voting for Measure Z.

The Board of Supervisors approved \$2.2 million of Measure Z spending for fire departments and last September, \$1.4 million of it was spent on 221 self-contained firefighter breathing apparatuses.

Funding for 30 positions in the county Sheriff’s Office was also approved. As of December, newly-hired employees included six deputy sheriffs, seven correctional facility deputies, four community services officers and a dispatcher.

An animal control facilities manager is in the process of being hired along with a senior legal office assistant and an Office of Emergency Services administrative analyst.

Additional deputies have been highly anticipated by the community and the start of 2016 will see four new deputies on patrol. Within the first six months of 2016, Sheriff Mike Downey expects to have two rural deputies on patrol, one for the southern outlying area and another for northern areas.

Measure Z funding also covered 11 full-time positions in the District Attorney’s Office; hiring began last August. Two prosecutors and an investigator had been hired as of December.

The county’s Probation Department has hired a deputy probation officer and the Department of Public Works completed 13 road repair projects last fall.

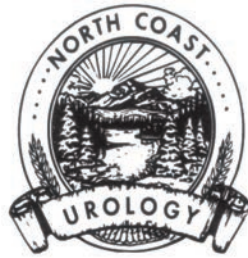
The new year’s start will see the county’s Measure Z Advisory Committee, which reviews funding requests and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, eyeing the county’s mid-year budget status and Measure Z spending.

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OPINION

The best thing about 2015 is what we can learn from it

There aren't many folks more eager to welcome 2016 than I am. It's been a long and often miserable year for me, and I'm happy to leave it behind. The traditional icon of the newborn baby represents hope and promise of a fresh start.

Humboldt has already received a remarkable amount of rain, and it's tempting to think the prolonged drought is over. While it is too soon to conclude we are in the clear, the season is promising so far. And the rain – usual for our area – is a revelation to newer transplants.

Over and over in December, the discussion fell into the same pattern. Those who have only been here a few years expressed amazement at the water falling out of the sky day after day, while long-timers reminded them this is Humboldt, and it rains here. Even some younger locals seem to have forgotten the winters of their childhoods.

The shortest days of the year have passed, and that's OK with me. We who work nights don't see much daylight when the nights are long. When seasonal affective disorder was first publicized, it made perfect sense to me, because I already had noticed I was gloomier in winter.

What might we do in 2016 to best make use of our new start? Arcata's Community PRIDE Project (CPP) is working diligently to improve conditions in the downtown area. It has already lasted longer than several predecessor groups, each of which rapidly ran out of steam.

The Plaza and alleys have again become prime habitat for aggressive panhandlers and what the British call layabouts. That's a particularly accurate term, because they often recline on the walkways, blocking and harassing foot traffic. Some women feel threatened, and nobody likes dealing with the begging, nastiness and human waste.

The new group is using a multi-pronged approach. Cleaning up the mess is an unpleasant but vital step. Families won't come back to the downtown area if they have to wade through trash. Sure, it would be better to make the people who make the mess clean it up, but who is going to enforce that?

A greater police presence in the area would be nice, but they can't be everywhere at once. Chronic inebriates like to be close to their sources of alcohol, and in case you haven't noticed, there are several in the area. Banning smoking on the streets downtown mostly just pushed the problem into adjacent neighborhoods.

I'm indebted to David Prowler, a San

Franciscan with an interest in community issues, whose opinion piece in the *Chronicle* introduced me to a brilliant concept: "We need to differentiate between facts and problems. Problems have solutions, facts don't."

That really resonated with me. So much time and energy are spent trying to cure facts that there isn't much left over to work on things we actually can change. It looks like the CPP is getting past some of that, and I wish those folks well.

McKinleyville's Central Avenue is said to be the busiest road in the county jurisdiction, and it's a genuine mess. Even so, the first draft of an improvement project by the public works staff was roundly rejected. After several rounds of negotiation, one that better pleases many locals is in the final stages of completion.

The goal is to make the thoroughfare more friendly to pedestrians and bicyclists, slow vehicle traffic and maintain easy access to businesses on both sides of the street. Central was once the route of U.S. Highway 101, and traces of that design remain.

On foot, it seems as if the street is all about cars, but it doesn't really work that well for vehicles, either. Let's hope the update is successful.

In Trinidad, longtime residents and owners of short-term vacation rentals have squared off over their competing needs. Attempts to further regulate rentals have turned neighbor against neighbor without finding any good solutions. It seems to me this is a dispute ripe for mediation.

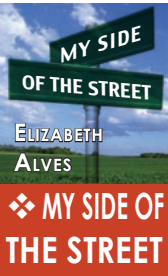
If the guests are actually violating laws or ordinances, better enforcement is needed, but I get the idea it is more often local custom in question, and that is another thing entirely.

Perhaps the owners and managers of the vacation rentals could be more available to deal with problems as they occur. Short-term vacation rentals are a fact, reducing the impacts on the neighborhood is a problem that might be fixed if the parties can work together.

After all, the community knows how to do that. When residents just outside the city limits lost their home to fire right before Christmas, locals rushed to help the displaced family begin the process of starting over.

If only that kind of spirit could be applied to chronic disagreements, much could be accomplished.

Elizabeth Alves is already waving goodbye to 2015 in her rearview mirror. Comments and suggestions are welcome care of the Union or to mysidestreet@gmail.com.



Not a news item: Words never uttered by any political candidate: "Elect me so I can serve out part of my term until that juicier gig I really want becomes available – then I'm outta here."

For unto us, some lambs are born

The Lazy J Mobile Home Park is divided into two sections, the old section which is the original part of the park, and the new section which was added 20 or more years ago. The sections are separated by a wetlands that was once traversed by the Mad River or a branch thereof. The western part of this area is meant for dog walking and the eastern portion is home to the residents who cultivate plots in the Lazy J Garden area and to a flock of sheep. Thank the gods it can't be built on.

Even before the sale to Inspire/Follett, there were sheep grazing on the large meadow between the gardens and the 101 freeway. It's my understanding that the original flock of sheep were 4-H sheep, pastured there under

a special arrangement with the original owners. When the park sold, the sheep were taken elsewhere and the meadow was left empty. It was a great loss for many of us, as going to see the sheep was such a pleasant daily outing. We gardeners were especially bereft, as some of us had taken great pleasure in sharing pulled weeds and excess greens with the flock.

Then the pasture was rented to a new flock of sheep, a mixture of breeds as near as I can tell. They settled in, and eventually there were lambs. Last year, in the spring, there were at least six lambs born in the pasture. Lambs do so much gamboling, it's hard to count them. They were a real roadside attraction and lifted many spirits.

I thought that lambs were

born in the spring, hence the association with Easter, but just this past week, four lambs have been born to join two that were born a week or two earlier. I am told that sheep choose their own time of lambing based on rainfall. Somehow they can intuit when the rains will come and choose the time of birth to coincide with the availability of fresh grass for their babies.

I don't know if that's true or not, but along with the return of juncos, chickadees and sparrows to the many bird feeders here, the appearance of baby lambs is a hopeful and happy way to end a less-than-stellar year. Perhaps the sheep believe there are better times ahead.

Mary Ella Anderson sang in choir for many years and finds herself humming various choruses of Handel's Messiah this time of year.



Rossbacher | Reinvigorated

✦ FROM A1 environmental and social responsibility. Rossbacher boils it down to "making sure that we're doing everything we can to help our students be successful here, to graduate and to figure out the way that they want to make a difference in the world."

- Locking in diversity with a welcoming and safe campus environment.
- Strengthening partnerships in the local community, which also plays into the first two goals via collaboration and creation of a welcoming environment.
- Paying for everything – expanding and matching resources to the goals, and carefully stewarding them.

Another milestone is the installation of the university's new provost, Dr. Alexander Enyedi. Like Rossbacher, a Ph.D geologist, Enyedi is a scientist. He comes from Western Michigan University, where he served as a biology professor and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Along with managing academics, one of Enyedi's big tasks will be helping Rossbacher implement the Strategic Plan. "I'm very excited that he'll be able to join us in early January," Rossbacher said.

Another major accomplishment has been working to rebuild relationships with local tribal communities. Rossbacher has met with the Northern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, the Yurok Tribal Council and others, and has convened the President's Na-

tive American Tribal Council. The latter was a key demand of students who occupied the Native American Forum early in the year.

"We have reinvigorated something that used to exist and kind of stopped," Rossbacher said. This satisfies several goals – ensure the representation and success of Native American students. "We want to attract them here, enroll them, we want to keep them and help them be successful, then graduate with skill sets that are valuable to their home communities," Rossbacher said.

HSU's host city and the Humboldt community are also key to making education effective and relevant, Rossbacher said. She sees her role as enabling communication – which flows two ways. "Part of my role here is communicating, part of it is listening, part of it is being present and just helping to remind all of us that we are part of a larger community," she said.

Again, diversity – broad representation of the campus's intellectual assets – is essential. "We've been pretty deliberate about that," Rossbacher said. "Making sure we have lots of people on campus interfacing with lots of different groups in the community."

Expediting the flow of "college ready" students from local secondary schools and College of the Redwoods to Humboldt State is being assisted via the Humboldt Post-Secondary Success Collaborative. A \$3 million grant is helping ensure a smooth path to higher education at Humboldt State

or elsewhere – and that students have a clear financial plan when they arrive.

Something must be working, since, as Rossbacher notes, "Enrollment is at an all-time high." HSU's largest-ever incoming class of 1,429 freshmen brings overall enrollment to 8,600 students.

According to HSU figures, women comprise 64 percent of the freshman class, putting them at 57 percent of the overall student body. More than 38 percent of Humboldt State's freshmen are from Los Angeles and 15 percent from the Bay Area. Latino and Hispanic students represent 44 percent of this fall's incoming freshmen.

Numbers aside, the community is behind the curve on embracing minority students. "We still have work to do, both on and off campus," Rossbacher said. Minority students tell her they feel unwelcome in some ways – not being served in businesses, even being harassed in the streets.

"If students aren't feeling welcome in stores and restaurants and they spend all their time on campus, that's not helping their growth and their movement toward success in their academic and professional careers," Rossbacher said. "And it's not helping the community either."

She said it's up to individuals to help the new students feel at home and at ease – especially maintaining situational awareness of when students are treated poorly. "Speaking to people, making them feel welcome ... but also to be alert to things that might be happening in your peripheral vision," are important, she said. "Speaking up."

The recent incident wherein two African-American students were harassed down-

town was something she took to heart, meeting with and reassuring the young women.

As for the oft-told stories about prospective students' parents being scared away from attending after witnessing the antics on the Plaza, Rossbacher says that's an "urban legend," and not a tangible phenomenon.

The prevalence of cannabis among student-age youth is "an issue throughout higher education," Rossbacher said, and not something especially acute even in THC-infused Humboldt.

Rossbacher said she enjoys the culture of the California State University system, especially in contrast to that of Georgia, where she came from. Here, she said, university presidents collaborate closely and enjoy strong support from the Chancellor's Office.

An improving funding situation is also helping, and making possible more choices for university curriculum programs. Sustainability, in the context of Humboldt's natural environment, is a huge opportunity, and not just for the natural sciences, but also the arts and other disciplines.

"One of the things that I want Humboldt State to be known for is place-based learning," Rossbacher said. "The things that students learn here and the way they learn them are unlike anywhere else in the world. It's so centered and so grounded in the incredible environment that we have here. We need to be taking advantage of that."

"The university can be a resource for the community, and the community is a resource for the university," she said. "It really takes that two-way flow of support and information and collaboration that's going to make the entire community stronger."



Dr. Alexander Enyedi

OPINION

Tried and true tactics

My husband and I live in the Lazy J Ranch senior mobile home park in Arcata. Like our neighbors, we own our own mobile home but rent the space that the home sits on. The owner of the Lazy J Ranch, our landlord, is FollettUSA, a large national investment company with multiple owners and investors.

As you might know, there has been a flurry of activity in California mobile home parks in the last decade as investors swoop in to buy them up, gentrify them and move in wealthier new tenants who can pay \$2,000 or more per month for the space that their home sits on.

The home page for the Mobile Home University, *mobilehomeuniversity.com*, has this leadoff sentence: "Affordable Housing is the hottest arena in commercial real estate right now."

When we read the numerous newspaper articles about what's happening in other mobile home parks across California, we can see the handwriting on the wall. We don't want this to happen to the Lazy J or to any other mobile home park in Arcata or in Humboldt County.

We hope our space rents won't climb all the way to \$2,000/month, but at the Lazy J we have already seen incoming resident monthly rents quickly climb from \$375 (2013) to \$475 (2015), a whopping 26.6 percent increase in the two years that FollettUSA has owned the Lazy J.

Like many of our neighbors, we would like the City of Arcata to draft and adopt a sturdy space Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) to keep our space rents in line with inflation. Typically, rent increases would be tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) with a floor (low) of two to three percent and a ceiling of six percent per year. The ordinance would also have a mechanism in place to make decisions about fair returns to the owners of the park.

Dr. Kenneth Baar, a rent control expert, said that "regulation is useful in protecting housing affordability, adding that none of the state's 100 [mobile home rent stabilization/control] ordinances have been struck down in court as invalid." (*The Monterey County Weekly*, March 5, 2009).

The administration of the RSO can be of minimal cost to the city. For example, the mobile home owners in the City of Marina in California pay \$3.50 per month to cover the costs of RSO administration in their town, which is similar in size to Arcata and has similar mobile home park demographics to those in Arcata. Santa Cruz County assesses a registration fee to cover their mobile home space RSO administrative costs.

The experience of the City of Marina with its mobile home space RSO has shown that park owner threats of expensive litigation are greatly exaggerated these days. Past decades of RSO litigation have ironed out the basic issues of fair returns, vacancy control and capitalization expenditures.

The modern well-written space RSOs in California have very little litigation costs for cities because park owners

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pay for the litigation when their challenges fail, which has been the usual case in recent years.

The five-year lease that FollettUSA offered to the Lazy J residents last month has many loopholes that will result in high space rents. The lease has a five-year amortization for capital expenditures and repair costs. Also, residents have no voting power about capital improvements.

According to Attorney Bruce Stanton from the Golden State Manufactured Home Owners League (GSMOL) in a letter about the five-year lease for the Lazy J mobile home park (Dec. 8, 2015), the lease allows "pass-throughs which shall add on to the monthly rent load significantly." He also states, "...the rent provisions are very one-sided."

Although FollettUSA's five-year lease is lopsided financially in their favor, the most important reason they are offering it is that anyone who signs the lease will be exempt from rent stabilization ordinances.

Signing tenants up for leases longer than one year is a tried and true tactic of park owners so that the pool of tenants fighting for better space rents is greatly diminished.

On Wednesday Dec. 16, the Arcata City Council voted for staff to study ways to keep mobile home parks in Arcata affordable. We are encouraged by this vote because it includes a good look at space rent stabilization ordinances.

Sincerely,

**Linda Derksen
Arcata**

Terror Territory

Having had ample opportunity to compare our little slug farm with settings in this country and others, my wife and I have concluded that at least for our purposes, there is no better place on Earth!

One significant caveat persists. When comparisons are made as above, specific references are in order. Let's consider "security," just how safe are we in this pretty place, in spite of the recent hysteria over another mass shooting. Comparatively few of us have hand grenades or even AK-47s on this curve of the coast for protection, so crime is rampant; why, just 15 years ago, a thief walked in our back door, while we were on a picnic, and stole a calculator and the remnants of a roast turkey. (In Uganda, where there are more weapons, this would not have happened; the guards at the front gate would have made short work of the turkey taker and had a feast themselves!)

During the last two decades of the 1900s, in much of East Africa, weapons of all descriptions were readily available. During the time, while assigned to develop an international school in Uganda, we were ready for almost anything. Consequently, I lost only one school van and two teachers. (Only one was killed.) Perhaps they are more fortunate in East Africa; they have more weapons and they haven't got

a president like ours, who keeps trying to keep even the dedicated terrorists out of the gun shops and airports.

So – given our short supply of guns, terrible things can happen, even in Westhaven. A couple, our good friends, live just down the road. These folks are as cordial and gentle as anyone we have ever met. Quite literally, they would not intentionally harm a spider! My friend, an attorney, is extremely cautious in how he articulates even the simplest verbal exchange.

Here is his story as I recall it: One dark night, he awoke suddenly and discovered an ominous figure looming over him. My friend sat up and responded in good form. "May I be of help?" he enquired as politely as the situation would allow. The bewildered intruder, at a loss for an appropriate answer, vanished like a shadow! (Too bad, one might conclude; the NRA wasn't involved!)

Hang on; there's more to this harangue. In a long-winded rationale (*Times-Standard*, "My Word" Dec. 12) an HSU professor, declares: "I can envision the nearly universal arming of the citizens of the United States ... through government-aided purchase ... A significant margin of protection will be afforded to all." In short "Gun Immunity" is like "Herd Immunity."

Right? But why stop with government-gifted guns, if you are serious, professor? Why not request helicopter gunships, mortars and submachine guns? Those without the expertise or ability to handle military hardware – of grade school age and above – would carry long knives and mace.

Now that we have been initiated into Terror Territory by fundamentalists, Republicans, gun wackos, arms peddlers and hate mongers of every description, let's see if we can't cultivate a little exciting East African anarchy.

**John C. Wiebe
Westhaven**

Paul's fine, Susan's wrong

I'm with Sofia: I'm confident Paul will handle the mayorship well, and I appreciate Susan expressing her concern. I just think she's wrong.

**Jamie Flower
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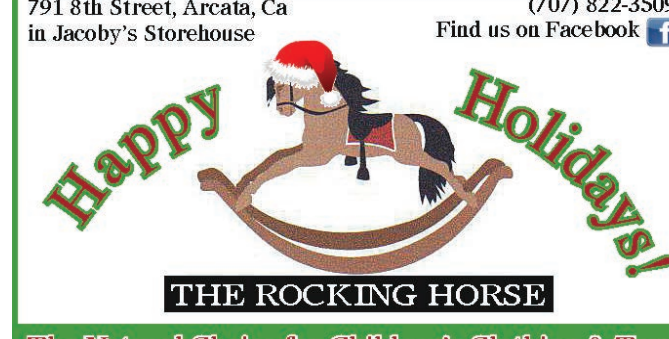
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❖ MUSIC
REVIEW

FROM DARKNESS TO JOY

BOTH SCARY AND LOVELY Jane Williams, aka Universalia Jane, has released her third CD.

PHOTO BY TIMMY GRAY

Janine Volkmar

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – As a naive college freshman, I went on a first date with my soon-to-be boyfriend. He was from the East Coast and a doctoral student at Berkeley – sophisticated in my eyes. We went to the now-iconic Berkeley Cinema and saw Ingmar Bergman's *Persona*, followed by *Woman in the Dunes*.

I had been living in Arizona where the only foreign films were pornography.

When he turned to me after the movies ended and asked, "Do you want to watch *Persona* again?" I was, as we said in the 1960s, blown away.

Both movies had been sensual and painfully intimate. I had never known anyone who watched a movie – let alone a foreign film – twice.

I felt that I had entered a world of art and freedom and vividness. I was hooked.

The memory of that experience came back to me when I listened to a new CD, *For the Birds*, by Universalia Jane, Jane Williams as she is known around Arcata.

Her music is a world of artistic freedom and wild creativity, all vividly combined in song.

It's not just her multi-level voice.

It's not just the strong narrative carried by her keyboard work, backed up by talented musicians playing cello, drums and bass.

It's the full experience of storytelling and sensuality that is usually associated with a Bergman or a Fellini film. As we listen, we enter a cinematic world of color and image and light, or sometimes, lack of light.

The songs on this CD range from dark to darker with an occasional break to joy.

Williams' songwriting chops are both scary and lovely. "Dangerous Indifference" and "Flies and Roses" are both meditations on mortality. Williams writes, "If life is but a dream, then death must be waking up." The second half of the phrase is repeated in that gorgeous voice twice, letting us know where this particular songwriter's priorities lie.

It's dark but so clever, both in lyrics and harmonies.

And that voice! It ranges from operatic to punk with echoes of Captain Beefheart, Eartha Kitt, Laurie Anderson and Terry

Riley. Williams uses it as another component in the array of instruments she's gathered for this production.

She and the cello, played by Betsy Rettig, work so well together that it's hard to tell where one starts and the other ends.

Rettig and Williams played together in Flagstaff. "She's going to rule the world in cello," according to Williams. "We could just sit down and start playing and know where each other was going. I'd give her a recording of the keyboard parts and she'd work up the cello parts."

On "Rosemarie," the cello and drums open in a circusy sort of melody. Williams enters the ring, her voice a dancer in a tutu balanced on a white horse galloping around the circus ring, flowing high above the cello line.

A lyrical line like, "She had that oceanic feeling again," mystifies and delights us, as any circus experience will. We know what she means and yet we don't. What is an oceanic feeling, exactly? And if she has it, again, what was before? Williams' totally operatic voice ends the song in a wow of feeling that would make any circus performer proud. And by that time, we're not worrying about meaning anymore.

Speaking of circuses, the cover of *For the Birds* has a fantastical creature – part tree, part woman – surrounded by birds. It's a painting by Joe Sorren who, Williams said, "is probably my favorite artist ever."

"He used to have a studio in Flagstaff which backed up to the wall of a recording studio," she said. "One night I heard a knock on the door. It was the painter. He said, 'I just wanted you to know that that song you are recording sounds like my painting. I was wondering if you'd be willing to let me do your album cover.'"

Williams said she wanted "to fall on my knees and cry because [he's] my favorite painter of all time."

Sorren now lives in Italy. His artwork has graced all three of Williams' albums and, she said, "some people buy the CD without listening to it, just for the cover art."

Williams doesn't mind when the art

WILLIAMS ❖ B3



EVOCATIVE Joe Sorren's artwork graces the cover of *For the Birds*.



WELL, THAT WAS AWKWARD McKinleyville's Six Rivers Brewery hosted its fifth annual Tacky, Cheesy Christmas Sweater Party on Monday, Dec. 21. Contestants showed that it's no longer enough just to have the most cringeworthy sweater; the whole ensemble has to hang together. Shawn Avila, left, paired a sweater decorated by his kids – Lexi, 13; Sydni, 11; and Cooper, 5 – with classic Santa pants and striking ten-gallon hat. Emily Florian, Danielle Jansen and Stephanie Curtis opted for the classic Christmas crinoline look with their ensembles. Jansen said the three ladies started the event and are glad that Six Rivers has kept it going. sixriversbrewery.com

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MO' FLATMO Duane Flatmo has once again designed a bright and lively poster for the 26th annual Redwood Coast Music Festival. Best known for his murals, label art and kinetic art sculptures, this is the 23rd poster Flatmo has produced for the event. The 2016 Redwood Coast Music Festival spans four days from Thursday, March 31 through Sunday, April 3. Over 25 bands will perform 100 sets of live music throughout Eureka at six locations, including a new venue: the Sequoia Conference Center at 901 Myrtle Ave. For more festival information, call (707) 445-3378, email admin@redwoodjazz.org or visit rcmfest.org. Redwood Coast Music Festivals (RCMF) is a non-profit organization founded in 1991 to promote live music and music education. The poster is available for \$5 at the festival office, 523 Fifth St. in Eureka.



METAL POINT Join artist and art professor Brandice Guerra for Art Talk at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St. in Eureka, on Sunday, Jan. 3 at 2 p.m. as Guerra explains the process of metal point in relation to the current *Lustrous Lines: Contemporary Metal Point Drawing* exhibition showing now through Jan. 3. Guerra is currently an assistant professor of art at Humboldt State, where she coordinates the drawing area and teaches courses in drawing and illustration. Her small-scale paintings and works on paper, such as *The Hippocampus*, above, are informed by her interests in natural history, 17th to 19th century painting, and 19th and early 20th century illustration. Art Talk is a regular monthly program highlighting current exhibitions and artists on the first Sunday of each month at the Morris Graves. janine@humboldtarts.org, (707) 442-0278 ext. 202

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Lower your expectations and New Year’s might not be so terrible after all

New Year’s Eve for me is one big grumble. Back in New York City, it was always basically the Worst Night of the Year; five minutes in a club, back in a taxi, repeat ad infinitum until the drugs are gone and you’ve missed mid-



JADA BROTMAN
❖ YAKA HICKEY HOOLA

night sitting in traffic on the Williamsburg Bridge while the guy you were hoping to kiss is at some loft in Chelsea. Here in this halcyon paradise we call Humboldt, New Year’s Eve is certainly easier and cheaper but still – the pressure! the pressure!! This year, to be honest, I’m hoping the indefatigable Ryan Dunn and Matt Goldberg will hold a party so I can have a coveted chance to kick off my shoes and dance to Drake, but other than that I’m not sure. There are always parties at Jambalaya and Humbrews but those are, like, last ditch options as I’m not really a bar girl, and if I were I’d just go to Richards’ Goat where I can play cribbage if everyone’s too drunk to talk to.

Not Hard Wontons

JADA BROTMAN

Ingredients

- ½ cup finely chopped Napa or Savoy cabbage
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 6 ounces ground pork, not all lean
- 3 scallions, finely chopped, plus some for garnish
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped, peeled fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
- Packet of wonton wrappers
- Oil for frying

In a medium bowl, toss cabbage with the salt. Let stand 10 minutes. Wrap cabbage in a double layer of paper towels; firmly squeeze out excess liquid. Return cabbage to bowl; add pork, scallions, ginger, soy sauce, and sesame oil. Mix well with a fork. Refrigerate leftover filling up to two days, or not.

Take one wonton wrapper and moisten all edges with wet finger. Add a teaspoon of filling, fold over to make triangle, and firmly press all edges down to seal. Repeat until you have a ton of wontons.

In a big skillet, heat a tablespoon of oil over medium heat and distribute wontons so they don’t touch. Cover. Fry for two minutes or so, until crispy. Flip each one, add a half cup of water, and cover and steam for 3 minutes. Serve sprinkled with some more scallions. Make a nice dipping sauce out of soy sauce in any combinations of sesame oil/Chinese black vinegar/sugar/Sriracha. I usually do 80 percent soy sauce with splashes of all the other four.

Last year, my then-boyfriend and I went to Blue Lake Casino, which was as totally freak-filled and interesting as you’d expect it to be, but I don’t think that’ll be a family tradition. Mostly I am looking forward to 2017, by which time I will have moved into a giant house and will be able to hold my own party, where I can force everyone to listen to my records and wear my adorable polka-dot party dress. I am planning recipes already.

If you’re looking for hilarious ideas, I highly recommend Amy Sedaris’s *I Like You: Hospitality Under The Influence*, but aside from being an uproarious read it doesn’t have that many useful ideas unless you’re a huge Swedish meatball fan.

If you do decide to go out, there are a few rules that I promise if you abide by, your NYE will be far less likely to be an existential trauma.

1. Don’t get drunk too early. Have a casual glass starting around 9 p.m. Limit, limit, limit. That way, you’ll have a nice mellow glow around 11 and can feel justified in taking a few shots and getting ready to really go nuts and put a lampshade on your head.

I recall one unfortunate New Year’s in Seattle when I was down by 8:30 p.m. with a bucket by the bed. Don’t let this happen ever again to anyone.

2. Dress for the weather. Ladies, believe me, I know the temptation to wear your glitter mini and ’80s spike heels, but Just. Don’t. It’s gonna be cold, it’s gonna be raining, and you have a long night of having to smile. If you’re going to meet Mr. Right – which you won’t because it’s New Year’s Eve – he’ll see past your boots and giant sweater and visualize your inner beauty and then you’ll kiss at midnight because that’s what God wants.

3. Pick a party and stay there. OK, maybe one switchup, max. But party hopping gives you way too much chance to realize how tired you actually are, plus I can al-

most guarantee there’s no one hotter at the next party. This is Humboldt, after all. Remember, keep your hopes and dreams squashed deep in your chest.

4. Lower your expectations. This is a night of enforced gaiety. Translate: probably not as fun as a night of normal spontaneous gaiety. If you make it through the night with some good bros, get a buzz on if that’s your jam, hopefully dance/karaoke/eat cocktail wieners, and kiss someone even on the cheek at midnight, call it a win. It’s never going to be the greatest night of the year. Take pleasure in knowing you have tomorrow off.

If you decide to have a *li’fête chez vous*, I have some nice suggestions for tasty things that you can make people eat and then they will like you.

Surprisingly Yummy Crispy Chickpeas

JADA BROTMAN

Ingredients

- 1 can of garbanzo beans/chickpeas
- ½ cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon curry powder
- lots of ground black pepper
- Fresh lemon

Rinse chickpeas well in a colander. Rub the skins off. This is not hard. Spread them out on a paper towel and dry as well as you can. Now, scatter them over a metal baking sheet and toss with the olive oil, salt (I like salty), cumin, curry powder and lots of ground black pepper. Roast, shaking occasionally, for 40 minutes at 400° until crunchy. Check in last 10 minutes to ensure not over browning. Squirt with a bit of fresh lemon and serve. Do yourself a favor and double the recipe.

Pisco Sour

JADA BROTMAN

Pisco is a Peruvian or Chilean brandy. As I tend to break out in handcuffs whenever I drink, I haven’t tried it, but my parents, whose palates are impeccable, swear by this as one of the best party drinks. And yes, you can get Pisco here.

Ingredients

- 1 egg white
- 2½ ounces Pisco
- ½ ounce simple syrup
- ¾ ounce fresh lemon juice
- Angostura Bitters

In cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine egg white, Pisco, simple syrup, and lemon juice. Cover, shake vigorously for 15 seconds and strain into six-ounce cocktail glass. Top with a few drops of bitters.

SCI FI PINT AND PIZZA NIGHT Visit *King of Kong Island* (1968) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, Dec. 30** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. Bearing only a passing connection to *King Kong*, this Italo-Spanish sci-fi foolishness seems to have been conceived more as a vehicle for the frequently nude Esmerelda Barros, who plays Eva, a sultry jungle girl raised by apes who is captured by a mad scientist. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

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FOLLOWING YOUR DREAMS A determination to pursue dreams even in the midst of difficult circumstances will be discussed at Lifetree Café on **Sunday, Jan. 3** at 7 p.m. The program, titled “Follow Your Dreams: Even When You Think You Can’t,” features a filmed interview with Mandy Harvey, a jazz vocalist whose sudden hearing loss nearly derailed her dream of becoming a professional sing-

er. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919, bobdipert@hotmail.com

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	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata			Closed for the holiday				7 p.m. Blazz
	Richards’ Goat 401 I St., Arcata	7 p.m. <i>The Wonders</i>	7 p.m. <i>The Wonders</i>					
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville		9 p.m. Jim Lahman Band			8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. Karaoke with DJ Marv	7:30 p.m. Sunny Brae Jazz

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Women belong in the kitchen

The Community Bike Kitchen, that is.
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COMMUNITY BIKE KITCHEN

EUREKA – Starting on Sunday, Jan. 3, the Community Bike Kitchen will begin a special Women/Trans day from noon to 2 p.m. on the first, third and fifth Sundays of every month. During these hours, the shop will be operated by women, trans or genderqueer volunteers, and will be open exclusively to folks who identify as such.

Eureka's Community Bike Kitchen opened in June 2013 as a place where people could learn bike maintenance skills and find low-cost or no-cost used bicycles. For the past two-and-a-half years, the Bike Kitchen has thrived as a hands-on workshop – providing tools, space and mechanics' knowledge for bike repair and also volunteer opportunities to earn a new set of wheels.

The Community Bike Kitchen is located at the Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St., Eureka.

While we strive to make the Bike Kitchen open and



accessible to everyone during our regular hours, we recognize that tool shops and mechanical activities have traditionally been male dominated, and are often uncomfortable or intimidating to others, which results in a gender imbalance. This program is a conscious effort to create a safe and welcoming space that encourages more women and gender minorities to learn, share and participate. By addressing the special needs of certain groups, we hope to create a stronger, more inclusive and diverse biking community overall.

The Community Bike Kitchen needs volunteers to help to run this program. If you are interested in being involved, learning more about bike mechanics, or already have mechanical skills that you'd like to share, please contact Jess at dorkus.malorcus@gmail.com.

To learn more about the bike kitchen visit [facebook.com/CommunityBikeKitchenAtJeffersonSchool](https://www.facebook.com/CommunityBikeKitchenAtJeffersonSchool).

Williams | Music is in her genes

FROM B1

comes first because she was an art major at Humboldt State. But music is in her genes and her background too. Her father was a jazz pianist and her mother studied opera. In high school, she sang in choruses, musicals like *The Music Man* and *South Pacific* and in madrigals. At HSU she sang in "every choir" and opera workshops. She was picked to be in a master class with Jerome Hines, doing *Boris Godunov*.

After graduating, she went to San Francisco and played in various bands for five years, then moved to Flagstaff where she joined a band called Milla Raspa.

"It was a huge band that varied between eight and 12 people and I was the only woman," she said. It was a time of festivals in the desert and industrial tribalism.

Williams spent 12 years in Arizona and started writing songs.

"I decided I was going back to keyboards. For a time I just sang. The '80s made keyboards dorky, but I started writing music with keyboards," she explained. "I play a little bass but I don't call myself a bass player."

Besides her music, Williams is a successful business owner in Arcata. Her shop, Bang! Bang! Vintage and Consignment, is just off the Plaza and features vintage and new fashions, all chosen with a quirky and innovative eye for what's hot and new. It will have been open for five years in April and is known for its creative window displays as well as its fashions.

"Bang Bang (My Baby Shot Me Down)", the 1966 Cher hit written by her then-husband, Sonny Bono, is the only song on *For the Birds* not written by Williams. It's an unusual version of the song, one that shows off the wide ranges of Williams' voice, varying from rich and low to sweet

and plaintive. What shocks are the actual sounds of a gun being first cocked, then fired. It's not a version for everyone's comfort level but it is innovative.

Other songs on the CD – "Home" and "Meant to Be" – can feel as if someone were pouring warm chocolate over the listener's head. Both are love songs but so much more than love songs – they could just as easily be called joy songs.

They reflect the happiness in Williams' life. "Right before I finished the CD, I got married, I bought an old broken-down house, and I opened a business," she said.

These are all dreams that listeners can relate to, yielding songs are both personal and deep.

"But people can hear them just as lovely songs," Williams said. And they are.

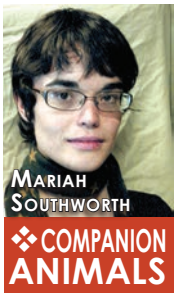
Universal Jane's *For the Birds* is available at Bang! Bang!, 941 H St. in Arcata, and also as a CD and digital download at cdbaby.com.



Hoppy New Year!

Are you ready for a hoppy New Year? Companion Animal Foundation sure is, and we get to share it with our latest addition to the adoption room: Marshmallow the rabbit!

Marshmallow enjoys jumping around the kitten room, eating hay, and hiding in boxes. She has been spayed and uses the litter box as well as any kitten.



So if you're looking for a new kind of pet for the new year, consider adding Marshmallow to your family. She is sure to add the perfect amount of sweetness to your coming year.

A new friend isn't the only thing that the new year holds. Companion Animal Foundation will be closing our doors from Jan. 1 and reopen on Jan. 14 for a long overdue makeover. We thank you for your patience in this time, and rest assured, the wait will be worth it!

To learn more about CAF and the programs we offer, you can visit the thrift store at 88 Sunny Brae Center in Arcata, email cafanimals@gmail.com, visit cafanimals.org, check out Companion Animal Foundation on Facebook or call (707) 826-7387.

YOUR IDEAL GOVERNANCE MODEL The Northern California Association of Nonprofits invites the public to January's Board Leadership Roundtable with Byrd Lochtie on Monday, Jan. 11 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Humboldt Area Foundation, 363 Indianola Rd. in Bay-side. This month's topic is Your Ideal Governance Model. Learn about the different models, how you can use governance to fit your unique board, and how boards can operate cooperatively and collaboratively in the community. Admission is \$20/\$10 for NorCAN members. (707) 442-2993, norcan@hafoundation.org, northerncalifornianonprofits.org

Arcata's shoreline is largely publicly owned and is now used only for municipal disposal services. Construction of a small craft harbor and waterfront park would provide meaningful access to the waterfront for residents of the area. ... There is an immediate demand for between 50 to 110 berths. A demand has also been demonstrated for a launching ramp. ... A dredged channel approximately 5,500 feet long will be required to provide navigational access to the harbor at low tide. ... The construction of the completed development would cost approximately \$915,000. – *Arcata Small Craft Harbor Engineering and Economic Feasibility Study, April 1968*

Stay in with the old and get out with the new

For the last column of 2015, we'll feature a little of the old and the new.

Dogs of all ages end up at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. I think I have mentioned previously how we all feel at the idea that anyone would abandon an old dog ... and lately we have been seeing and hearing about entire litters of puppies that have been left at the side of the road in boxes or otherwise abandoned.

Fortunately, the ones that end up at the shelter are often the lucky ones. They can count on a warm place to sleep, regular meals, veterinary care and a chance at a new and loving home.



Senior girl Gracie is a 9-year-old Labrador Retriever. She is gentle, friendly, housebroken and ready for a home of her own.

Gracie has plenty of en-

ergy left for being a good walking companion and enjoys getting outside or cuddling up anywhere. She has made many friends among the staff and volunteers. One of her best friends, Brenda, had this to say about her: "I adore

Gracie and have since the first day I walked this sweet girl. Gracie is affectionate, responsive, and so grateful for any attention. I so enjoy walking and spending time with this wonderful elder dog. And did I mention that Gracie is gorgeous? The only thing I don't like about spending time with Gracie is having to return her to her kennel."

Gracie is spayed, microchipped and up-to-date on vaccinations.

Humpty and Dumpty are two young Fox Terrier brothers. They are about six months old and as cute as they could possibly be! They have some of the bounciness associated with the smaller Terrier breeds, but they are not crazy bundles of energy. They are very affectionate and quite friendly with other dogs.

Poor little Dumpty came in with an injury to his jaw that would be consistent with having been kicked. These two boys are so sweet that it is inconceivable that anyone would want to hurt them. Dumpty has had veterinary treatment and is on the mend. He shows no



hard feelings towards any of the people that have met him.

These boys would make great agility dogs or just your basic loyal companions. They are available for adoption either together or separately. They are both neutered, microchipped and up-to-date on vaccinations.

All three of these dogs are available at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. The shelter is open until 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve if you want to start out the new year right by adopting a new family member! The shelter is at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. More information is at (707) 840-9132.

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This last part makes some sellers a little uncomfortable. The Realtor's recommendations about cosmetic improvements can make sellers realize that they should have been more vigilant in keeping up with what seemed like minor "fix-up" projects. If your realtor's suggestions make you feel a little defensive, remember that none of this is personal! Occasionally, we encounter a housekeeper who maintains a house to perfection, but that is rare. Most sellers need a little coaching to make their homes show well. Providing concrete ideas for home staging is an important part of our job. The better your home looks while it's on the market area, the more likely it is to sell quickly, and for the best price.

For professional advice on all aspects of buying or selling real estate, call Joanie Frederick, Broker, Azalea Realty, (707) 362-0144, or check out our website at www.azalearealty.com.

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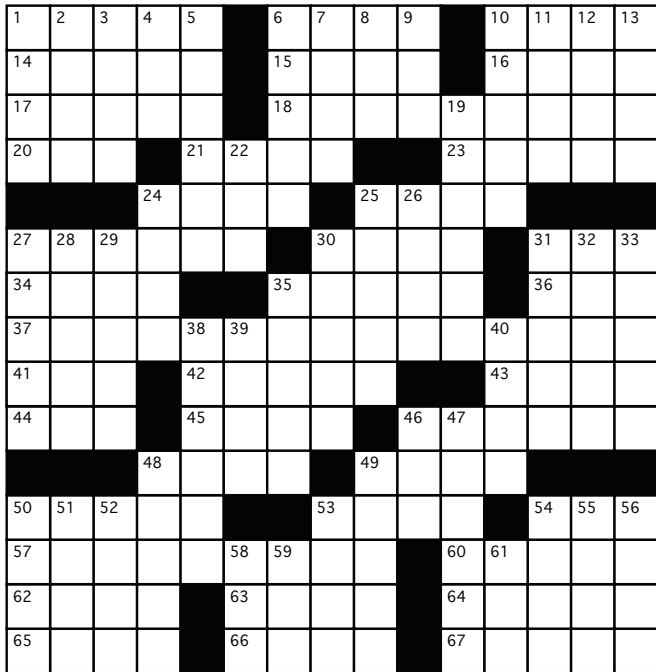
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- Nabisco treat
- Walks the floor
- Wild felines
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- Capital city
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- Strong string
- Ridicule
- Hombre's cheers
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- Suffix for text or project
- "___ little teapot, short and stout..."

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PUBLIC SAFETY

I’ve garbaged up your park, now let’s accessorize with some verbal abuse

• **Monday, December 7 9 a.m.** Campers near Redwood Park’s Scout Hut furnished the area with garbage, and got a little prickly when asked about it. Actually they went nutso with the usual consonant-rich, spittle-flecked jabbering one might expect feral, free-range trash-flingers to foment.

11:06 a.m. A woman returned home to find her nephew and an esteemed colleague burglarizing her home. Nephie said he and his sidekick were looking for Vicodin to steal and sell, even though that’s illegal.

1:40 p.m. After assaulting an employee in the “green room” at a Weeot Way health clinic, a man performed triumphal “brodies” in the parking lot.

3:24 p.m. There’s just no way a Hyland Street resident used *that* much water in one month. Seems someone be thievin’ the DHMO.

• **Tuesday, December 8 9:31 a.m.** A freeway-side camper emerged from a tent near the west end of the Giuntoli Lane roundabout, pulled his pants down and publicly pottied in full view of horrified motorists.

11:58 a.m. This time, the scam caller with a foreign accent was

pretending to be an IRS agent who demanded \$8,700 in back taxes.

12:35 p.m. A bike thief, of sorts, was caught on video stealing bits and pieces off locked bicycles at the Transit Center, then going to the trouble of replacing them with worn-out parts.

2:11 p.m. A blith-id who was fed up with Sunflower clutched at his beer and guitar as he howled, “I will have you killed!” Outsourcing was never so tweeky-shrieky.

7:15 p.m. A white limousine full of dope smokers pulled up alongside a 13th Street supermarket of choice, its occupants chugging herb in luxurious splendor. Police were asked to move them along.

7:22 p.m. A suicidal person asked for help, and agreed to meet officers outside his home. The only weapon he had was a kitchen knife, which he was leaving inside.

10:17 p.m. A bicycle left unguarded for less than 15 minutes at Fifth and J streets was never seen again, by its owner anyway. It was nice, too – light blue with shiny red rims.



• **Wednesday, December 9 3:05 a.m.** An H Street resident reported their motion-sensing porch light coming on, then someone rattling the doorknob. The possible burglar then went around to the back of the house.

4:41–4:43 p.m. Roadside campers and unsightly piles of garbage in the street complicated life for residents of Hidden Creek Road.

4:52 p.m. A motorcycle was stolen from the Marsh, the thievin’ bastids leaving the sliced-up remnants of the lock in a casual gesture of contempt for their victim.

10:31 p.m. “Hitting his fist into his hand” in a threatening fashion might not have been a cause for excessive alarm outside a Plaza tavern. But when the growly gesticulator threatened to kill the other guy extremely dead, that upped the threat scenario beyond mere body language.

• **Thursday, December 10 1:43 a.m.** Loud males voices rang out on Union Street, usually an oaths-and-curses portent of violence to come. But in this case, the yelling and banging bore a

conciliatory message: “I’m sorry and I’m not going to fight you!”

3:21 a.m. To the yellingmen in Adamas Court, a woman’s travel advisory was brief and to the point: “Get out of here!”

1:28 p.m. A man at 13th and G streets had a red beard, a red hat and red-hot fiery fulminations to the effect that if passersby didn’t give him money immediately, he would fight them.

6:37 p.m. A man said that when he refused to give a woman by the Plaza bars a cigarette, she punched him.

10:16 p.m. How disgruntled was a Valley West pizza parlor customer? Repeatedly-calling-the-business-and-harassing-employees disgruntled, that’s how!

10:22 p.m. An Emergency Room patient expressed her appreciation for caregivers with a promise: “I’m going to hit you with a bar,” she said.

• **Friday, December 11 7:48 a.m.** In something of a throwback to the giddy-vexacious grow house era of 2009, someone on Cedar Drive noticed neighbors “bagging” cannabis, and lots of foot traffic going to and fro.

10:28 a.m. In another

less-than-magnificent obsession, a person keeps pestering and being inappropriate at an H Street mortuary chapel.

• **Saturday, December 12 4:23 a.m.** A man calling from the shadowy loneliness of the Arcata Community Park notified police of two issues: he had just left a party and was being followed, and he felt like he needed an ambulance.

3:22 p.m. After dumping drug paraphernalia in a neighbor’s yard, a Cropley Way resident got into various arriving cars, then rode around the block and got back out of the car.

5:36 p.m. Trash left on a car on Union Street was topped with a note that read, “From your neighbor.”

8:59 p.m. An Iverson drummer did practice As drummers must do, but the fact is, Percussion in session Strikes some as oppression And neighbors get prickly as cactus

10:13 p.m. One of the last practical places to bunk down for the night has to be in the front doorway of a 24-hour Uniontown variety store.

Hoopa drug/gun arrest

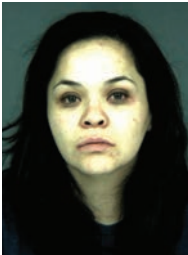
HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

HOOPA – On Monday, Dec. 21 at approximately 1:20 p.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office was dispatched to the Hoopa Post Office for a patrol check on a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot. When deputies arrived, they contacted a male and a female in the vehicle. The deputies recognized the occupants from prior law enforcement contacts.

While speaking with the deputies, the female passenger, 27-year-old Delila Colegrove, admitted to having drug paraphernalia in her purse. The deputy requested permission to search her purse and she agreed.

The deputy located the drug paraphernalia in Colegrove’s purse and placed her under arrest for possession of unlawful paraphernalia. The deputies searched the vehicle and located a loaded firearm in the center console. Carrying a loaded firearm in a public place was added to Colegrove’s booking.

Colegrove was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where she was booked under the above charges. Her bail has been set at \$25,000. The male vehicle occupant was released on scene.



Delila Colegrove

Sweet set of Santa Clauses swiped from Jacoby’s Storehouse

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Somewhere, a pair of Santa Clauses are beaming down on their new owners, projecting mirth, merriment and dishonestly acquired Christmas cheer.

The two Santas, large-sized dolls that had adorned the Grand Christmas Tree in Jacoby’s Storehouse, were stolen not long after the Season of Wonder and Light kickoff on Friday, Dec. 4.

Storehouse co-owner Bill Chino said similar seasonal ripoffs aren’t uncommon. “Sometimes things get taken as kind of a mischevous act, and then returned,” he said. “But that

hasn’t happened yet.”

One of the Santas wore a white robe, was about a foot tall and had adorned the tree with an unknown number of others (see below). It cost \$15 to \$20, Chino said.

The other stolen St. Nick was much larger – perhaps a yard tall – and wore a traditional red robe. That Santa, toting a load of presents, cost about \$80.

All that remains where the larger Santa stood ‘neath the tree is an empty spot with a slight depression in the white cloth covering the base.

“Things disappear from the tree,” Chino said stoically. “It’s usually kids.”



STOLEN Santa Claus K LH | UNION

Saved by the arfs

HUMBOLDT BAY FIRE

EUREKA – Shortly after midnight on Christmas morning, Humboldt Bay Fire was dispatched to Seventh Street in Eureka to investigate a house fire which the owner believed to be extinguished but needed verification that the fire was out.

The initial dispatch included a squad and an engine (five firefighters) to investigate and remove smoke from the residence.

Upon arrival, the officer from Squad 8174 observed moderate smoke and fire coming from a window and heavy smoke throughout the residence.

Based upon these conditions, the response was upgraded to a first alarm assignment.

First arriving crews quickly knocked down the fire and removed smoke from the residence.

The fire was caused by newspaper and kindling being placed too close to an operating wood-burning

stove. Heat from the stove ignited the newspaper and started the fire, spreading to walls and surrounding combustibles.

The owner said she woke up with her dog, which ordinarily sleeps in the living room near the wood stove, in her bedroom barking. After realizing her home was on fire she attempted to extinguish it with a garden hose before calling 911.

There were no working smoke detectors inside the residence. The owner and dog were uninjured, but unfortunately a pet bird and frog died due to smoke exposure.

Property damage is estimated at \$6,000.

During this holiday season, please take a few moments to verify your home has working smoke detectors. When we sleep, our sense of smell is greatly diminished and the odor of smoke cannot be relied upon to alert firefighters to the presence of a fire.



MOP UP Firefighters sweep out fire-dousing water from the Vets’ Hall’s historic lobby. ARCATA FIRE PHOTO

Fire | Just \$45,000 damage

❖ **FROM A1**

damage occurred in the office as well as some limited water damage in the space below the office.

Two engines and the ladder truck from Arcata Fire District responded along with two chief officers. Humboldt Bay Fire sent an engine and a chief as did Blue Lake Fire. Fieldbrook and Samoa provided cover engines.

While covering the

McKinleyville Station, Fieldbrook responded to a medical aid call and a report of power lines down.

A total of 25 emergency responders worked at the Veterans’ Hall fire. The building, with a replacement value estimated at over \$1.7 million, sustained only about \$45,000 damage.

There were no injuries to firefighters or to the public.

How to make sure your package isn’t porch-plucked

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office has received reports of a vehicle following UPS and FedEx delivery trucks and stealing packages from houses after they have been placed on porches.

There is no description of the vehicle nor suspects at this time.

Here are a few suggested ways to prevent your packages from being stolen:

- Make sure to require a signature on all package deliveries.
- Write specific instructions for the delivery company on where to leave your package.
- Re-route packages to your local

mail office.

- Consider having your packages delivered to you at work.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff’s Office regarding related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff’s Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff’s Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

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Political influence in the unincorporated community

Jack Durham
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MCKINLEYVILLE – A small, subtle change may take place in McKinleyville’s political landscape, giving slightly more political influence to the local services district.

The political landscape

As an unincorporated community, McKinleyville doesn’t have a unified, singular government entity to oversee local services and decide the town’s fate. Instead of a “city hall,” there are overlapping agencies serving the town.

The McKinleyville Community Services District (MCS D), with a board elected by town residents, is in control of sewer, water, streetlights, some drainage, parks and recreation. The County of Humboldt, meanwhile, is in charge of McKinleyville’s streets and land use planning, with the county Sheriff’s Office providing law enforcement. McKinleyville’s political representation at the county level is limited: Of the five county supervisors, only the Fifth District supervisor is elected by McKinleyville residents along with other voters in the sprawling district. That seat is now held by Ryan Sundberg, who is a McKinleyville resident. But in the past, the seat was held by supervisors who didn’t live in McKinleyville, further giving the town the sense that it didn’t have a strong voice,

‘A new frontier in government’

The situation has, over the years, forced McKinleyville leaders to find ways to strengthen their influence over their own town’s future.

The MCS D now takes on a more ac-

tive role, lobbying the county and other agencies to improve services in town, even if those services aren’t directly related to the MCS D’s core mission. In 2013, the MCS D unveiled the slogan “A new frontier in government,” an acknowledgment of its unique position in the unincorporated community. The new slogan coincided with the MCS D’s efforts to lobby state officials and other agencies to improve services in town.

Mack Town Advisory Committee

Another group wielding influence is the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC), created by the Board of Supervisors in 2012 as an advisory committee for McKinleyville issues.

The committee was created with eight members, three appointed by the Board of Supervisors, three appointed by the Fifth District supervisor, one appointed by the MCS D Board of Directors and one non-voting member being whoever is serving as the general manager of the MCS D. The arrangement gives the MCS D a single vote on the McKMAC.

Voting change

However, that may change. The McKMAC voted unanimously Dec. 16 to ask the Board of Supervisors to give the manager of the MCS D voting powers on the committee. Supervisors would have to vote to amend the ordinance that created the McKMAC to make this happen.

MCS D Manager Greg Orsini, who holds the non-voting committee seat, said that an MCS D board member requested that the district get another seat on the McKMAC. Rather than having two board members

serve on the committee, Orsini said he suggested that the manager’s seat be allowed to vote.

McKMAC member Barbara Georgianna said that before voting on the matter, she wanted to see the McKMAC’s bylaws. She made a motion to delay the vote, but it failed to pass. McKMAC member Craig Tucker questioned whether the MCS D should be given more influence. “It feels funky to me if we had another voting member of the MCS D,” Tucker said. “It does give the local services district kind of a voting bloc.”

McKMAC Chair Ben Shepherd said he viewed making the manager a voting member as a compromise.

McKMAC member Pat Barsanti praised Orsini and supported giving him a vote. “I look to Greg for a lot of advice here,” Barsanti said. “To me he is one of the most valuable people on the committee here.”

Ultimately, the board approved sending a letter to the Board of Supervisors asking for the committee’s formation ordinance to be amended to give the manager a vote.

New member

When beloved McKinleyville resident Eleanor Sullivan died Aug. 25, her passing created a vacancy on the McKMAC. That position was filled by Otto Van Emmerik, who was appointed by the Board of Supervisors Nov. 3.

Van Emmerik is a 40-year resident of McKinleyville and works as an operations manager for Green Diamond Resource Co. He is the past president of the Mad River Rotary and past president of the Redwood

Region Logging Conference as well as the chair of the State Board of Forestry’s Professional Foresters Examining Committee. A native of the Netherlands, Van Emmerik enjoys snowboarding and scuba diving in tropical locations, according to information he provided the county when applying for the McKMAC seat. Van Emmerik listed Sundberg and Shepherd as his personal references.

Others who applied for the position, but did not get recommended by Sundberg, are Dennis Lone, an Ocean West resident who regularly attends McKMAC meetings; Twila Sanchez, a maternal and child nutrition supervisor with United Indian and Health Services; and John Nathanson, a recent resident of Mack Town with experience as a planning commissioner in the City of Pacifica.

APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR HEADWATERS BOARD The County of Humboldt is recruiting for a new member for the Headwaters Fund Board, the community body overseeing all aspects of the Headwaters Fund. The new board member will begin service in February. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply. Working with fund staff, board members review and recommend policies, budgets, grants and loans to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. Qualified applicants must possess the necessary experience and expertise to oversee this large and unique public fund. Interested applicants may obtain an application and further information online at *theheadwatersfund.org* or the Prosperity Center, 520 E St., Eureka.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

(1) **ARCATA REAL ESTATE SERVICES**
(2) **NORTH COAST PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**
791 8TH STREET SUITE 14
ARCATA, CA 95521
NORTH COAST REAL ESTATE
791 8TH STREET SUITE 14
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: A Corporation
S/DARRELL BURLISON, PRESIDENT

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 11, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
M. MORRIS DEPUTY
12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 1/6

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00698

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

KAYAK ZAK'S
115336 HIGHWAY 101
TRINIDAD, CA 95501
JOHN B. CALLAHAN
2606 MYRTLE AVE.
EUREKA, CA 95501
BRANCE C. MICHAELSON
1720 HUFFORD RD.
ORICK, CA 95555
ANTHONY M. DIAZ
2606 MYRTLE AVE.
EUREKA, CA 95501

This business is conducted by: A General Partnership
S/JOHN CALLAHAN, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 11, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
S. CARNS DEPUTY
12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00680

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

ADVANCED SECURITY SYSTEMS
1336 FOURTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
PETRUSHA ENTERPRISES, INC.
1336 FOURTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501

This business is conducted by: A Corporation
S/CHARLES PETRUSHA, PRESIDENT

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 2, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
A.ABRAM DEPUTY
12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13

Clerk on DEC 2, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
A.ABRAM DEPUTY
12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00681

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

EASY CALL
1336 FOURTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
PETRUSHA ENTERPRISES, INC.
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1336 FOURTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501

This business is conducted by: A Corporation
S/CHARLES PETRUSHA, PRESIDENT

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 2, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
A.ABRAM DEPUTY
12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00699

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

HUMBOLDT GARDENING
1675 MURRAY RD.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
P.O. BOX 817
ARCATA, CA 95521
JOEL C. DALLAS
1675 MURRAY RD.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/JOEL DALLAS, MR. DALLAS - OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 14, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
M. MORRIS DEPUTY
12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00704

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

JOHNSTON DESIGN
2366 GOLF COURSE RD.
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
P.O. BOX 702
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
JUDY A. ARONOFF
2366 GOLF COURSE RD.
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
GUY A. ARONOFF
2366 GOLF COURSE RD.
BAYSIDE, CA 95524

This business is conducted by: A Married Couple
S/JUDY ARNONOFF CO - OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 21, 2015

Clerk on DEC 16, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
A.ABRAM DEPUTY
12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00706

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

HUMBOLDT HARVEST
2355 CENTRAL AVE. #123
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
HUMBOLDT HARVEST FARMS
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2355 CENTRAL AVE. #123
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

This business is conducted by: A Corporation
S/ESTHER BENEMANN CEO/PRESIDENT

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 17, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
M. MORRIS DEPUTY
12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00721

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

POSITIVE CHANGE
425 TANGLEWOOD RD.
ARCATA, CA 95521
DYLAN R. LIVINGEARTH
425 TANGLEWOOD RD.
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/DYLAN R. LIVINGEARTH, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 23, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
S. CARNS DEPUTY
12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00711

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MOUNTAIN MOBILE
PRESSURE WASH
110 ENCHANTED LANE
WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573
P.O. BOX 1521
WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573
TRINA M. CARDOZA
110 ENCHANTED LANE
WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573
STEVE C. WILSON
110 ENCHANTED LANE
WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573

This business is conducted by: A General Partnership
S/TRINA CARDOZA, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 21, 2015

KELLY E. SANDERS
Z. HALMAN DEPUTY
12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20

ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00697

County of original filing: HUMBOLDT
Date of Original Filing: 1/13/06
File No. R-1400261

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

KAYAK ZAK'S
115336 HWY 101
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
P.O. BOX 68
ORICK, CA 95555
MARNA A. POWELL
1720 HUFFORD RD.
ORICK, CA 95555
MICHAEL T. POWELL
1720 HUFFORD RD.
ORICK, CA 95555

This business is conducted by: A Married Couple
S/MARNA POWELL, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 11, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
Z. HALMAN DEPUTY
12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME ALICIA SUTHERLAND SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV150848 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner ALICIA SUTHERLAND has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: CHAYSE SHAWN COOK to Proposed name CHAYSE SHAWN SUTHERLAND.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name change described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at

the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: 1/11/16
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8

3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: NOV. 30, 2015
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HOWARD ARTHUR TRAUT CASE NO.: PR150309

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: HOWARD ARTHUR TRAUT

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: STEVEN TRAUT in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: STEVEN TRAUT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an

objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: January 7, 2016
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 8

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for the petitioner: ARTHUR NIELSEN, GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS STREET EUREKA, CA 95503 (707) 269-0167 12/16, 12/23, 12/30

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR 2016 ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT REMODEL

The City of Arcata is soliciting bids for a public building remodel project.

Department Estimate \$60,000 - \$120,000

The WORK includes, but is not limited to, furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, incidentals and performing all work required to provide an accessible restroom for use by dispatch personnel, modify the copy room to allow space for the dispatch restroom, provide a kitchenette for the Dispatch area, provide an accessible north office entrance, reconfigure the Front Office Workspace, reconfigure the Lobby and relocate LiveScan station, add 2 new private offices in existing open office space and add shore power for the Portable Emergency Command Center. Contract documents call for a Base Bid and three Alternate Bids.

A MANDATORY pre-bid meeting and site walk will be held on **Friday, January 15, 2016** in the City of Arcata City Hall Council Chamber, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA, 95521, beginning at 9:30 AM. General Contractors are required to attend to bid on this work. A representative for each contractor must sign in at the pre-bid meeting to prove attendance. Persons arriving after the meeting start time will not be accepted as attendees. Bids received from contractors who did not attend the pre-bid meeting will be returned unopened. Access to the APD is limited. Major subcontractors are encouraged to attend.

Sealed bids will be received until **Thursday, January 21, 2016 @ 2:00 PM** at the office of the City Manager, 736 F St, Arcata, CA 95521, at which time they will be transferred to the City Council Chamber where they will be publicly opened and read aloud by representatives of the City. Said bids will be referred to the Arcata City Council for

consideration at a regularly scheduled meeting on or after **Wednesday, February 3, 2016**

CONTRACTOR shall possess a Class "B" license at the time this contract is bid or a combination of classes required by the categories and type of work included in this contract.

This CONTRACT is subject to State contract non-discrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND PROPOSALS forms for bidding this PROJECT can be obtained at the office of the City Manager, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521, [contact Property and Special Projects Manager - Cliff Poulton (707) 825-2101] upon payment of a printing service charge in the following amount:

The printing service charge amount of \$35.00 shall not be refundable, plus a shipping and handling fee of \$50.00 is required for mailing of PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS. Checks shall be made payable to the City of Arcata and shall be mailed or delivered in person to the Property and Special Projects Manager, City Manager's Office, City of Arcata, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA, 95521

The Contract Documents may be examined after **Monday, January 4, 2016** at the following locations:

- City of Arcata, City Hall, City Manager's Office, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521;
 - Humboldt Builder's Exchange, 624 "C" Street, Eureka, CA 95501
- The City of Arcata hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

Pursuant to Section 1733 of the Labor Code, the Director of California Department of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages. Bidders should contact the Department of Industrial Relations at (415) 703-4281 for General Prevailing Wage Rates on specific job classifications. Future effective wage rates, which have been predetermined, are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations. Bidders are advised that if they intend to use a craft or classification not on file in the general wage determinations, they may be required to pay the wage rate of that craft of classification most closely related to it as shown in the general determinations.

The above project is subject to uniform construction cost accounting procedures as set forth in the California Public Contracts Code, Section 22000 et seq., the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.

All bidders shall be licensed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

The City of Arcata reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Home food preservation never made more sense

UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

EUREKA – Home food preservation simmered on a back burner of the stove for many years, but is now enjoying a resurgence in Humboldt County as a result of increased interest in eating healthy, growing and eating local foods and the revival of a do-it-yourself food movement.

When we grow some of our own food, we frequently harvest more than we can use during its growing period. If we know how to preserve it by canning, freezing, drying or pickling, we can enjoy our harvest for months in the future.

Master Food Preservers are trained, dedicated volunteers who help educate the community about food safety and home food preservation using up-to-date, scientifically sound methods.

If you enjoy preserving food, you may be interested in completing the Master Food Preserver Program through the local Uni-

versity of California Cooperative Extension Office. It will meet at the Northcoast Co-op Community Kitchen in Eureka on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Monday evenings, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Classes begin Feb. 7, and will be completed on March 7, with graduation ceremonies on March 9.

An informational meeting for applicants will be held on Sunday, Jan. 24. Fee for the training is \$150 and includes an excellent food preservation book and training manual. Space is limited and the application deadline is Jan. 15. Applications are available at cehumboldt.ucdavis.edu.

This program is offered by the University of California Cooperative Extension Office with support from the Northcoast Co-op Eureka Community Kitchen as well as many other businesses in the community. Questions? Call Deborah Giraud, farm advisor, at (707) 445-73512

‘A tale of three predators’

SEQUOIA PARK ZOO

EUREKA – Sequoia Park Zoo announces the next free talk in the Conservation Lecture Series, “A tale of three predators: Using conventional and progressive techniques to investigate forest carnivore relationships,” presented by Dr. Greta Wengert on Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Flamingo Room at Sequoia Park Zoo.

The fisher is a rare forest carnivore whose West Coast population has been proposed for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act. Field and laboratory techniques reveal that the most common cause of mortality for fishers is predation by larger carnivores, mainly bobcats and mountain lions. These three carnivores coexist in California forests and likely have complex relationships that range from competition for food, predation, possibly to indirect benefits.



Dr. Greta Wengert

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HUMBOLDT – Once the holidays come to a close and your ornaments and lights are returned to storage, don't forget that your Christmas trees can be returned too.

Trees can continue their useful life after the holidays by being recycled and maximized as a resource rather than waste. All Christmas trees collected at the options listed below will create compost or energy.

Return your tree to one of the following drop-off sites at no charge; you do not need to be a city resident to use the drop-off in that city. Christmas tree pick-up is available in some communities through garbage haulers or volunteer groups. Collection dates vary by community. Remove all decorations and tinsel from your tree.

Arcata

Free drop-off at Wes Green's Mad River Compost Facility, 6360 West End Rd. through the end of January. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Arcata High students raising funds will pick up trees curbside for \$10, through Jan. 11. Call (707) 822-8325.

Blue Lake

Free drop-off at Prasch Hall, near baseball fields, to Jan. 15.

Eureka

Free drop-off at HWMA's Transfer Station, 1059 W. Hawthorne St., through Monday Jan. 11 during open hours,

Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Commercial trees do not apply. Recology picks up trees in Eureka and surrounding county areas Jan. 2 and 9 for \$5. Call (707) 442-5711 for an appointment.

McKinleyville

Free dropoff at Humboldt Sanitation's Transfer Station, 2585 Central Ave, through Jan. 17. Call (707) 839-3285 for open hours. Arcata High students will collect trees for \$15. Call (707) 822-8325.

Trinidad

Free drop-off behind Murphy's Market through to Jan. 17.

The scout alternative

Save yourself the time and hassle of driving to drop-offs and call your local Cub and Boy Scouts. The scouts will collect trees in Arcata and McKinleyville on Saturdays, Jan. 2 and 9. They'll stop by your house and pick up your tree curbside. A \$5 donation is suggested.

All proceeds benefit the local scouts. To schedule a pick-up, call (707) 440-9272 and leave your name, address, phone number and preferred pick-up date. Or email your information to Arcatacubs@scouts@gmail.com.

Eureka tree pickups take place the first two weekends, Jan. 3, 4, 9 and 10. To schedule, call (707) 633-8213 or email Eurekatroop1129@gmail.com.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MARSH TRIP

Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, Jan. 2**. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Chet Ogan in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MARSH HIKE

Welcome the New Year with a nature ramble through the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary. Meet leaders Jane and Richard Wilson

on **Friday, Jan. 1** at 10 a.m. in the first parking lot on South I Street from Samoa Boulevard. This 1.5-hour rain-or-shine walk is sponsored by Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM). (707) 826-2359

MA-LE'L DUNES HIKE

The North Group Sierra Club invites the public to an easy five-mile hike in the Ma-le'l Dunes on **Saturday, Jan. 2**. Meet at 9 a.m. at the BLM trailhead off State Route 255 and Young Lane in Manila. Call to carpools by prior arrangement. No dogs. Bring water and lunch. Heavy rain cancels. (707) 825-3652, nedforsyth48@gmail.com

LANPHERE DUNES HIKE Start the year off right with a New Year's Hike at the beautiful and diverse Lanphere Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge on **Saturday, Jan. 2** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Lanphere Dunes features a large intact dune forest, seasonal wetlands, moving sand dunes and a diverse community of plants and animals. Friends of the Dunes naturalist Barbara Reisman will guide an introductory hike at this protected site. Meet at Pacific Union School, 3001 Janes Rd. to carpool to the site. (707) 444-1397, info@friendsofthedunes.org

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